Farm Topics

Provide Now for Vegetable Storage

Temperature Control Important Factor

Plans must be made ahead to insure proper storage facilities for vegetables. Regardless of type of storage used, temperature and moisture control are essential.

Experiments at Ohio experiment station indicate that one effective method of reducing moisture loss from vegetables is to cover them or place them in closed, but not sealed, containers. This procedure confines the moisture evaporation and tends to maintain a near-saturated atmosphere about the vegeta

Vegetable roots stored in warm (50° F.) moisture-saturated atmosphere.

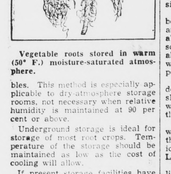
bles. This method is especially applicable to dry-atmosphere storage rooms, not necessary when relative humidity is maintained at 90 per cent or above.

Underground storage is ideal for storage of most root crops. Temperature of the storage should be maintained as low as the cost of cooling will allow.

If present storage facilities have not proven entirely satisfactory in the past, now is the time to make plans to improve moisture control or regulate temperature.

Make Your Own Andirons

Andirons may be made by farmers now equipped with electric arc welders. This design was one made by C. B. Super, Portland, Ore. It



Andiron may be made smaller, or larger, as desired.

might be possible to make andirons during rainy weather for sale in local channels.

They are easy to make and are quite attractive. Make one right hand and one left hand.

Emergency Squirrel Feeding Undertaken

The morale of Minnesota's hungry squirrel population is rising considerably with announcement from the conservation department that state game wardens are to distribute cob

corn in areas where squirrels are abundant and corn is not now available.

Failure of the state's acorn crop has been extremely hard on squirrels. Planting of natural food for wildlife is encouraged, but when this method fails, artificial feeding is resorted to.

Hog Weight Increased By Concrete Wallows

Fattening hogs will make faster gains when they have access to a sanitary concrete hog wallow during periods of hot weather, according to Texas experiment station tests conducted last summer. Sixty-pound pigs with access to a concrete hog wallow reached a market weight of 200 pounds in two weeks less time than pigs fed without access to the wallow. Health control also was made easier.

Thieves Hidden In London Fog Steal $32,000

Carry Ladder to Home of a Society Woman and Nab Rare Jewelry.

LONDON.—London was covered by such a dense fog recently that burglars were able in broad daylight to lug a ladder to a society woman's home, run it up to her boudoir window and make off with $32,000 worth of diamond and sapphire rings.

The ladder was not noticed and the burglary was not discovered until the woman, Mrs. Irene Roberts, had occasion to look into her jewel casket. She offered a $2,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of her jewels.

The burglary broke a brief surcease in an epidemic of "society page" jewel thefts. They began last October, when $100,000 worth of jewels were stolen from the duke and duchess of Windsor.

Queen Is Marooned.

Visibility was about three feet in the fog, one of record heaviness in a city renowned for its fogs. Thousands of persons became lost, including Queen Elizabeth, who was marooned in her automobile 100 yards from Buckingham palace and had to be rescued by a police searching squad.

The fog was accompanied by a sharp drop in temperature, freezing a thin layer of ice on streets and sidewalks.

Ferry service had to be suspended between Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. Buses crawled along; trains were hours behind schedule. Firemen had to walk ahead of their trucks to fires, and when they got to them the fog hampered their work.

All four main railroads reported delays. Even subway service was slowed because thousands of people who normally ride buses were using the tubes.

At Southampton, where the fog was as thick as it was in London, the United States Lines' ship America had to postpone its departure for Le Havre.

Three K.L.M. (Royal Dutch) airlines planes that had no choice but to land in the fog were talked to the ground from a control tower after special sodium flares were lighted and rockets fired to give the pilots the outline of the field. Two flights to the United States were canceled.

Several Accidents.

Several accidents were reported, but injuries were minor. A ferry carrying 40 passengers collided with the Hampton ferry at Southampton. Three persons were slightly injured. The ferry had taken three hours to make a run that usually takes 15 minutes.

The fog fell during the rush hour, aggravating the general confusion. Police cars with loud-speakers were parked at strategic points, warning motorists to be careful and giving groping pedestrians a "fix." One motorist said it took him two hours and 35 minutes to drive two miles.

Subways stopped running at midnight, and many had to spend the night where they were if they did not reach the stations by that time. At Wembley skating rink more than 2,000 persons sang and skated all night because they couldn't get home.

When fire broke out in a London crematorium, firemen had to walk ahead of their trucks with lights. When they arrived at the fire, they lighted acetylene flares so they could see what they were doing.

A chapel at Putney Vale cemetery caught fire. The fire was so well advanced by the time the firemen had groped their way to it, there was little they could do.

Indict Parents in Death of Son; Refused to Call Help

EASTON, PA. — William Focht, 55, and his 46-year-old wife, Ada, were under indictment on involuntary manslaughter charges in the death of their 2-year-old son.

The Northampton county grand jury ordered the two held for trial on the charge after Coroner D. F. Bachman testified the couple refused to call a doctor for their son, Edwin James, who fell into a can of boiling water last September.

Dr. Bachman told the jury the boy would have had a 50-50 chance of recovering if he had been given prompt medical aid. The Fochts, he said, belong to a healing sect which opposes medical attention.

Man With Toy Pistol Routed In Post Office Holdup Try

BALTIMORE, MD. — Campbell Farrow, money order clerk, routed a man who attempted to hold up a suburban branch post office with a toy pistol.

Police said they arrested a man with a toy gun about a block away a few minutes later.

Farrow related that a man walked up to his window, pushed a red crayon note which read: "Turn over all the money in the drawer and keep quiet."

Farrow dropped to the floor of his cage, grabbed a gun which he kept there, and shouted to other clerks: "Look out — a holdup." The man fled.

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Sulfur Omitted From Cattle Grub Powder

Pyrophyllite, Tripoli Earth or Frianite Used

Here's something new on an old farm subject—cattle grub control. For years the livestock specialists have been recommending a combination of sulfur and derris powder for dusting on the backs of grubby cattle. Some of them still are recommending this combination, which had its origin in the U. S. bureau of entomology.

What's new? Well, the bureau revised the formula during the war. Derris powder is still in the formula (it contains rotenone, the grub kill-

Cattle grub will cause serious trouble if not properly controlled.

ing agent), but sulfur is out. Sulfur had no value as a grub killer—it served only as a diluent for derris, which contains the rotenone that does the job.

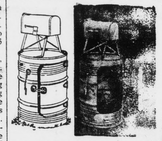
The bureau now recommends that the dust for grubs be made of one part derris (containing 5 per cent rotenone) and two parts of either tripoli earth, pyrophyllite or frianite.

The reason sulfur was taken out is that the sulfur particles become electrified when applied to the animal's back. As a result, they stick to the hair instead of settling down to the skin and into the grub holes. The new materials designated for mixing with derris do not have this drawback.

Mail Storage Box

A Texas rancher thought up this idea to keep mail order packages as well as letters out of the wet weather.

An old oil drum is used as the base. The opening in the mail box



Combination mail box, reversed, designed by a Texas rancher.

base was cut out with an electric arc welding machine, using the carbon arch. Then, hinges were welded to the drum and the cut-out section, as shown in the sketch, provided a door.

Packages placed in this old oil will remain dry until they are picked up.

Wins 'Ton of Gold' Award

Dinah Lady, winner of the "Ton of Gold" award.

Dinah Lady, 750-pound Jersey, owned by Walter Welkener, Jacksonville, Fla., recently announced as the "Ton of Gold" award winner of the American Cattle club, for having produced 3,121 pounds of butterfat in a 48-month period, during which time she produced four calves.

Welkener has been credited with maintaining as good a permanent pasture as can be found. In addition to grass, the cattle feed on lespedeza and Italian rye.

Molasses Fed Young Pigs for Fast Gain

Results of tests at Hawaii university show that a ration containing 20 per cent molasses proved economical for pigs from weaning to a weight of 70 pounds. Above 20 per cent, both the rate of gain and efficiency of feed utilization decreases markedly.

Work at Wisconsin showed that 10 per cent molasses was equal in value to corn on the basis of total digestible nutrient.

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Jailed Labor Leader Knows How to Milk

While serving out a 60-day term for illegal picketing, Philip (Slim) Connolly, secretary of the Los Angeles CIO council, makes himself useful in the dairy barn. He was jailed after being convicted of picket line violations at the U. S. Electrical Motors plant.

ABC PROFITS

Per capita allocations from last year's profits of the Virginia ABC board have been figured at $3.35, for apportionment among the localities.

Crozet water works sold for $70,000.

Boy Scouts will rule Lynchburg on May 10.

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